Claims:

1   1.   (Currently amended) A method for protecting a computing device from
2   potentially harmful code in a document, the method comprising:
3   providing one or more definitions of potentially harmful active
4   content in an editable text file, each definition identifying potentially
5   harmful active content and specifying an action to be performed on that
6   potentially harmful active content if that potentially harmful active
7   content is found in the document;
8   comparing the document with each definition of potentially
9   harmful active content in the editable text file to identify potentially
10   harmful active content within the document; and
11   modifying the document to render harmless any identified
12   potentially harmful active content before presenting the document to the
13   computing device.

1   2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising syntactically
2   examining the document and placing the document in a valid form before
3   comparing the document with each definition.

1   3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the
2   modified document to the computing device over a network after the
3   potentially harmful active content is rendered harmless.

1   4.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein each definition is listed in the
2   text file in a same language structure and schema as the document.

1   5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising mapping
2   each ~~of the identified elements~~ definition in the ~~data~~ text file into a same
3   language and schema as the document.

1   6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising

2   representing the document as a first document object model (DOM) tree

3   and the ~~configuration~~ <u>text</u> file as a second DOM tree.

1   7. – 22. (Cancelled)

1   23.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the editable text file is an XML

2   (extensible markup language) file.

1   24.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the definitions of

2   potentially harmful active content identifies potentially harmful active

3   content that may be present at a level of a tag in the document.

1   25.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the definitions of

2   potentially harmful active content identifies potentially harmful active

3   content that may be present at a level of an attribute in the document.

1   26.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the definitions of

2   potentially harmful active content identifies potentially harmful active

3   content that may be present at a level of an attribute value in the

4   document.

1   27.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein each definition is listed in the text

2   file in a different language structure and different schema from the

3   document.

1   28.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the action specified by a given

2   definition is to remove an attribute from the document.

1   29.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the action specified by a given

2   definition is to replace the identified potentially harmful active content in

3   the document with active content known to be harmless.

1   30.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the action specified by a given

2   definition is to remove a tag from the document.